

The Basics

What part of town (or country) do you want to live in? _____

What price range would you consider? No less than _____ but no more than _____

Are schools a factor and, if so, what do you need to take into consideration (e.g., want specific school system, want kids to be able to walk to school, etc.)?

Do you want an older home or a newer home (less than 5 years old)? _____

What kind of houses would you be willing to see?

___ One story ___ 2 story ___ split foyer ___ bi-level ___ tri-level
___ townhouse or condo ___ mobile home

What style house appeals to you most?

___ contemporary ___ traditional ___ southwestern ___ colonial ___ no preference

How much renovation would you be willing to do? A lot ___ A little ___ None! ___

Do you have to be close to public transportation? ___ yes ___ no

Do you have any physical needs that must be met, such as wheelchair access? _____

Do you have any animals that will require special facilities? ___ yes ___ no

If so, what? _____

The Lot

	Must Have	Would Like to Have
Large yard (1 acre or more)	___	___
Small yard (less than 1 acre)	___	___
Fenced yard	___	___
Garage	___	___
Carport	___	___
Patio/deck	___	___
Pool	___	___
Outdoor spa	___	___
Extra parking	___	___
Other buildings (barn, shed, etc.)	___	___
Special view	___	___

Of what? _____

The Interior

How many bedrooms *must* you have? ___ would you like to have? ___

How many bathrooms do you want? ____

How big would you like your house to be (square feet)? No less than _____ but no more than _____

What features do you want to have in your house?

	Must have	Would Like to Have
Air conditioning	_____	_____
Wall-to-wall carpet	_____	_____
Ceramic tile	_____	_____
Hardwood floors	_____	_____
Eat-in kitchen	_____	_____
Separate dining room	_____	_____
Formal living room	_____	_____
Family room	_____	_____
<u>Greatroom</u>	_____	_____
Separate den or library	_____	_____
Basement	_____	_____
Separate laundry room	_____	_____
Fireplace	_____	_____
Workshop	_____	_____
No interior steps	_____	_____
"In-law" apartment	_____	_____
Spa in bathroom	_____	_____
Lots of windows (light)	_____	_____

Community features

Do you want to live in an area with a Community Association? ____ yes ____ no

What else do you want in your community?

	Must have	Would like to have
Community pool	_____	_____
Golf course	_____	_____
Basketball court	_____	_____
Tennis courts	_____	_____
<u>Gated community</u>	_____	_____
or doorman		
Clubhouse/activities	_____	_____

Are there any other special features or needs that you must consider when you're looking for a home?

Greatroom normally combines living room/family room and possibly dining room and kitchen

Community Associations (also called Condo, Homeowners, or Improvement Associations) do a lot of different things for your neighborhood. Some regulate the outside appearance of your home and yard, while others simply keep up community property. Community Associations are run by the residents of that community--sort of like a neighborhood government. When you buy a home in a community with a Homeowners Association, you agree to abide by their regulations and rules--so you should know what they are before you buy. Nearly all Community Associations collect fees (which are in addition to your mortgage) to pay to maintain community property such as a swimming pools, parks, a clubhouse, or to offer services like extra security patrols and doormen. If you look at a home in an area in which there is a community association, be sure to ask about the fees - you will pay them *in addition* to your regular mortgage payments.